

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13536 with respect to Somalia is to continue in effect beyond April 12, 2011—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 112–16). **Pages H2510, H2514**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2423, H2424, H2425, H2503, H2504, H2504–05, H2506, and H2507. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MARKET PROMOTION PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Rural Development, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review market promotion programs and their effectiveness on expanding exports of U.S. agricultural products. Testimony was heard from John Brewer, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Institute of Standards and Technology—FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Patrick Gallagher, Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology and Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

LABOR, HEALTH HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on DOL Job Training Programs. Testimony was heard from Andrew Sherrill, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO; and public witnesses.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Air Force Posture. Testimony was heard from General Norton A. Schwartz, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and Major General Byers, the Civil Engineer, U.S. Air Force.

TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies held a hearing on Amtrak—FY 2012 Oversight and Budget. Testimony was heard from Joseph Boardman, Amtrak President and CEO.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on the Secret Service Budget. Testimony was heard from Mark Sullivan, Director, Secret Service. This is a classified and closed hearing.

SUSTAINING THE FORCE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on Sustaining the Force: Challenges to Readiness. Testimony was heard from Brigadier General Lynn A. Collyar, USA, Director, Logistics Operations, Defense Logistics Agency; Major General Michelle Johnson, USAF, Director, Strategy, Policy, Programs and Logistics, J5/4, Transportation Command; Lieutenant General Frank A. Panter, Jr., USMC, Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics Headquarters; and Lieutenant General Mitchell H. Stevenson, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, G4.

POLICIES GOVERNING SERVICE BY OPENLY GAY AND LESBIAN SERVICE MEMBERS

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on repeal of law and policies governing service by openly gay and lesbian service members. Testimony was heard from General Peter W. Chiarelli, Vice Chief of Staff, USA; Admiral Gary Roughead, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; General James F. Amos, USMC, Commandant; and General Norton A. Schwartz, USAF, Chief of Staff.

EDUCATION REFORMS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing on Education Reforms: Promoting Flexibility and Innovation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPACTS OF THE NATION ACT OF 2011

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on the American Energy Initiative, focusing on discussion draft legislation of the “Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts on the Nation Act of 2011”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**CONSUMER PRODUCTS SAFETY
IMPROVEMENT ACT**

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing on discussion draft legislation to revise the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act. Testimony was heard from Robert J. Howell, Assistant Executive Director, Hazard Identification and Reduction, Consumer Product Safety Commission; and public witnesses.

BULLION COIN PROGRAMS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology held a hearing entitled “Bullion Coin Programs of the United States Mint: Can They Be Improved?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REFORMING THE UNITED NATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing on Reforming the United Nations: The Future of U.S. Policy. Testimony was heard from Susan Rice, Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Department of State.

INTERNATIONAL AVIATION SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled “Strengthening International Cooperation on Aviation Security”. Testimony was heard from John W. Halinski, Assistant Administrator, Office of Global Strategies, TSA; and public witnesses.

**EFFECT OF THE PRESIDENT’S FY–2012
BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS
FOR THE OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING ON
PRIVATE SECTOR JOB CREATION,
DOMESTIC ENERGY PRODUCTION, STATE
PROGRAMS AND DEFICIT REDUCTION**

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Effect of the President’s FY–2012 Budget and Legislative Proposals for the Office of Surface Mining on Private Sector Job Creation, Domestic Energy Production, State Programs and Deficit Reduction.” Testimony was heard from Joseph Pizarchik, Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior; Loretta Pineda, Director, Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety; Virginia; Bradley C. “Butch” Lambert, Deputy Director, Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, Virginia; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs held a hearing on the following: H.R. 306, Corolla Wild

Horses Protection Act; H.R. 588, to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge; S. 266, to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 258, Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2011. Testimony was heard from Rep. Jones; Rep. Harper; Greg Siekaniel, Assistant Director, National Wildlife Refuge System; and public witnesses.

AMERICAN INDIAN JOB CREATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform held a hearing entitled “Regulatory Barriers to American Indian Job Creation”. Testimony was heard from Mary Kendall, Acting Inspector General, Department of the Interior; Anu Mittal, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

**ASSESSING EARTHQUAKE RISK
REDUCTION**

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on Are We Prepared? Assessing Earthquake Risk Reduction in the United States. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION ACT OF
2011—CREATING JOBS**

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Healthcare and Technology held a hearing entitled “The Creating Jobs Through Small Business Innovation Act of 2011.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**RAILROAD AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Railroad and Hazardous Materials Transportation Programs: Reforms and Improvements to Reduce Regulatory Burdens. Testimony was heard from Christopher A. Hart, Vice Chairman; National Transportation Safety Board; Joe McHugh, Vice President, Government Affairs and Corporate Communications, Amtrak; and public witnesses.

**PENDING TRADE AGREEMENT WITH
PANAMA**

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on the pending trade agreement with South Korea. Testimony was heard from Demetrios Marantis, Deputy Trade Representative,

Office of the United States Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

**FY 2012 BUDGET—NATIONAL
RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAM AND
NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL PROGRAM**

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing on National Reconnaissance Program and National Geospatial Program FY 2012 Budget Overview. This was a closed hearing. Testimony was heard from departmental officials.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
APRIL 8, 2011**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No meetings are scheduled.